GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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Deport of Pulses
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

a) whether India is planning to barter surplus sugar for pulses from abroad;
b) if so, the details thereof;
c) whether the Government has made any discussions with the countries from where we import pulses and those countries which need sugar; and
d) if so, the details thereof and the response received by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (c) For facilitation of evacuation of surplus sugar from India to other countries the Government have been contemplating on various options including trade through counter-trade/barter, Lines of Credit, etc. The Indian Missions located in various target countries have been requested to pursue various trade opportunities with a view to evacuate surplus sugar. Trade delegations too have been mounted to some of the important destination countries.
(d) Pursing trade Agenda with foreign partners is a long drawn process and depends upon several factors including international prices, demand & supply situation, mechanism for barter/ procurement, rules & regulations governing trade and quality of agriculture produce etc.

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